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We, Roger R. Dzwonczyk, Carlos L. Del Rio, Patrick I. McConnell, and Michael B. Howie, each individually declare as follows:

- 1. I am one of the joint co-inventors named in the above identified patent application;
- 2. I am a co-inventor of the invention claimed in the above identified patent application because I conceived a part of the invention claimed in the application in collaboration with all of the other above named co-inventors;
- 3. I am familiar with two publications referred to herein as paper A and paper B, or collectively as "the papers", and identified as follows:
 - A. R. Dzwonczyk et al. "Myocardial Electrical Impedance Responds to Ischemia and Reperfusion in Humans", *Computers in Cardiology* 2002;29:541-543.

 Paper A was both cited and applied in a rejection by the examiner.

B. CL delRio et al. "Use of Myocardial Electrical Impedance to Assess the Efficacy of Preconditioning", Computers in Cardiology 2002;29:489-492. Paper B was

cited but not applied by the examiner.

4. None of the individuals who are named as coauthors on these two papers but are not

named as joint inventors, namely DA Brown, RE Michler, RK Wolf, B Clymer, H Awad, and

P Czerwinski, are inventors of the invention claimed in the above patent application. None

contributed to the conception of the invention claimed in the above patent application. All of

these individuals worked, with respect to the invention claimed, under the direction of one or

more named co-inventors in connection with preparation of the papers and/or the activities

described in the papers. With regard to the invention claimed, the papers describe the

inventors' own work, not the work of others.

5. Patrick I. McConnell is a joint co-inventor of the invention claimed in the above

identified patent application, although he was not named as a coauthor of either paper. He

jointly participated in the conception and development of the invention as claimed in

collaboration with the other named co-inventors.

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